

INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY/DISTRICT
MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
INTERNAL NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM

Property/District Name: St. Stephens Survey Number: S-361

Project: Road Widening/MD 363 from St. Stephens to Halls Curve Agency: SHA

Site visit by MHT Staff: ☒ no ☐ yes Name _____ Date _____

Eligibility recommended _____ Eligibility not recommended ☒

Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G ☐ None

Justification for decision: (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map)

Saint Stephens is a small rural village located on MD 363 approximately seven miles west of Princess Anne, Somerset County, MD. Based upon the information provided, the village does not meet the criteria necessary to qualify it for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.

The roadside village is a late 19th-century waterman's community consisting of two-dozen late 19th and early 20th-century frame structures located on either side of MD Route 363 in Somerset County, Maryland. Saint Stephens Methodist Church is centrally located in the village and survives as a well-preserved and distinctive example of a rural church building. Despite this single notable resource, the village is widely dispersed and lacks cohesiveness and an identifiable core.

According to the assessment and comments provided by architectural historian Paul Touart, other, better candidates representative of Somerset County's watermen's communities exist, such as Sackertown, Byrdtown, Frenchtown and Rumbley. Further, the village does not have sufficient integrity to qualify it for listing in the National Register under Criterion C. No persons or events significant to our past are known to be associated with the village, thereby making it ineligible under Criteria A and B.

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Review and Compliance Files

Prepared by: Rita Suffness, Cultural Resources Group, SHA and Paul Touart, Architectural Historian

Beth Hannold and Kim Williams
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

February 12, 1996
Date

NR program concurrence: ☒ yes ☐ no ☐ not applicable

Quanda Padgett
Reviewer, NR program

March 8, 1996.
Date

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MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA - HISTORIC CONTEXT

I. Geographic Region:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Eastern Shore	(all Eastern Shore counties, and Cecil)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Western Shore	(Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles, Prince George's and St. Mary's)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Piedmont	(Baltimore City, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Harford, Howard, Montgomery)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Western Maryland	(Allegany, Garrett and Washington)

II. Chronological/Developmental Periods:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Paleo-Indian	10000-7500 B.C.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Early Archaic	7500-6000 B.C.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Middle Archaic	6000-4000 B.C.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Late Archaic	4000-2000 B.C.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Early Woodland	2000-500 B.C.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Middle Woodland	500 B.C. - A.D. 900
<input type="checkbox"/>	Late Woodland/Archaic	A.D. 900-1600
<input type="checkbox"/>	Contact and Settlement	A.D. 1570-1750
<input type="checkbox"/>	Rural Agrarian Intensification	A.D. 1680-1815
<input type="checkbox"/>	Agricultural-Industrial Transition	A.D. 1815-1870
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Industrial/Urban Dominance	A.D. 1870-1930
<input type="checkbox"/>	Modern Period	A.D. 1930-Present
<input type="checkbox"/>	Unknown Period (<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric <input type="checkbox"/> historic)	

III. Prehistoric Period Themes:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Subsistence
<input type="checkbox"/>	Settlement
<input type="checkbox"/>	Political
<input type="checkbox"/>	Demographic
<input type="checkbox"/>	Religion
<input type="checkbox"/>	Technology
<input type="checkbox"/>	Environmental Adaptation

IV. Historic Period Themes:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and Community Planning
<input type="checkbox"/>	Economic (Commercial and Industrial)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Government/Law
<input type="checkbox"/>	Military
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Religion
<input type="checkbox"/>	Social/Educational/Cultural
<input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation

V. Resource Type:

Category: BuildingHistoric Environment: RuralHistoric Function(s) and Use(s): Religious/Church Building

Known Design Source: _____

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St. Stephens Survey District
Venton vicinity
public

late nineteenth century

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Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. S-361

Magi No. 2003615638

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common St. Stephens Survey District

2. Location

street & number Deal Island Road (MD 367)

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 not for publication

city, town St. Stephens vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Somerset

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<u> </u> district	<u> </u> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<u> </u> agriculture <u> </u> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<u> </u> unoccupied	<u> </u> commercial <u> </u> park
<u> </u> structure	<u> </u> both	<u> </u> work in progress	<u> </u> educational <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<u> </u> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<u> </u> entertainment <u> </u> religious
<u> </u> object	<u> </u> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<u> </u> government <u> </u> scientific
	<u> </u> being considered	<u> </u> yes: unrestricted	<u> </u> industrial <u> </u> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<u> </u> no	<u> </u> military <u> </u> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Various Owners

street & number telephone no.:

city, town state and zip code

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Somerset Clerk of Court liber

street & number Somerset County Courthouse folio

city, town Princess Anne state MD. 21853

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date federal state county local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition

☐ excellent

☒ good

☒ fair

☐ deteriorated

☐ ruins

☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered

☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site

☐ moved

date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

St. Stephens Survey District

St. Stephens is a small rural village located on MD 363 approximately seven miles west of Princess Anne, Somerset County, Maryland.

St. Stephens consists of two-dozen late nineteenth and early twentieth-century frame structures sited on the north and south sides of Maryland Route 363. Approximately sixteen houses are accompanied by one store and the St. Stephens Methodist Church (S-362). All structures face the road and are set back approximately twenty-five to fifty feet from the ditches that border the shoulders of the road. A large share of the dwellings are modest two-story two- or three-bay houses covered with weatherboards or artificial asbestos or aluminum sidings. Decorative trim is minimal and limited to Victorian sawnwork in the front cross gable of a few houses or on the turned post front porch. Narrow brick stove stacks rise from the gable ends or from the center of the house. Two- or one-story service wings extend to the rear of each house. The single store is located at the east end of the village, and it has been remodeled.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

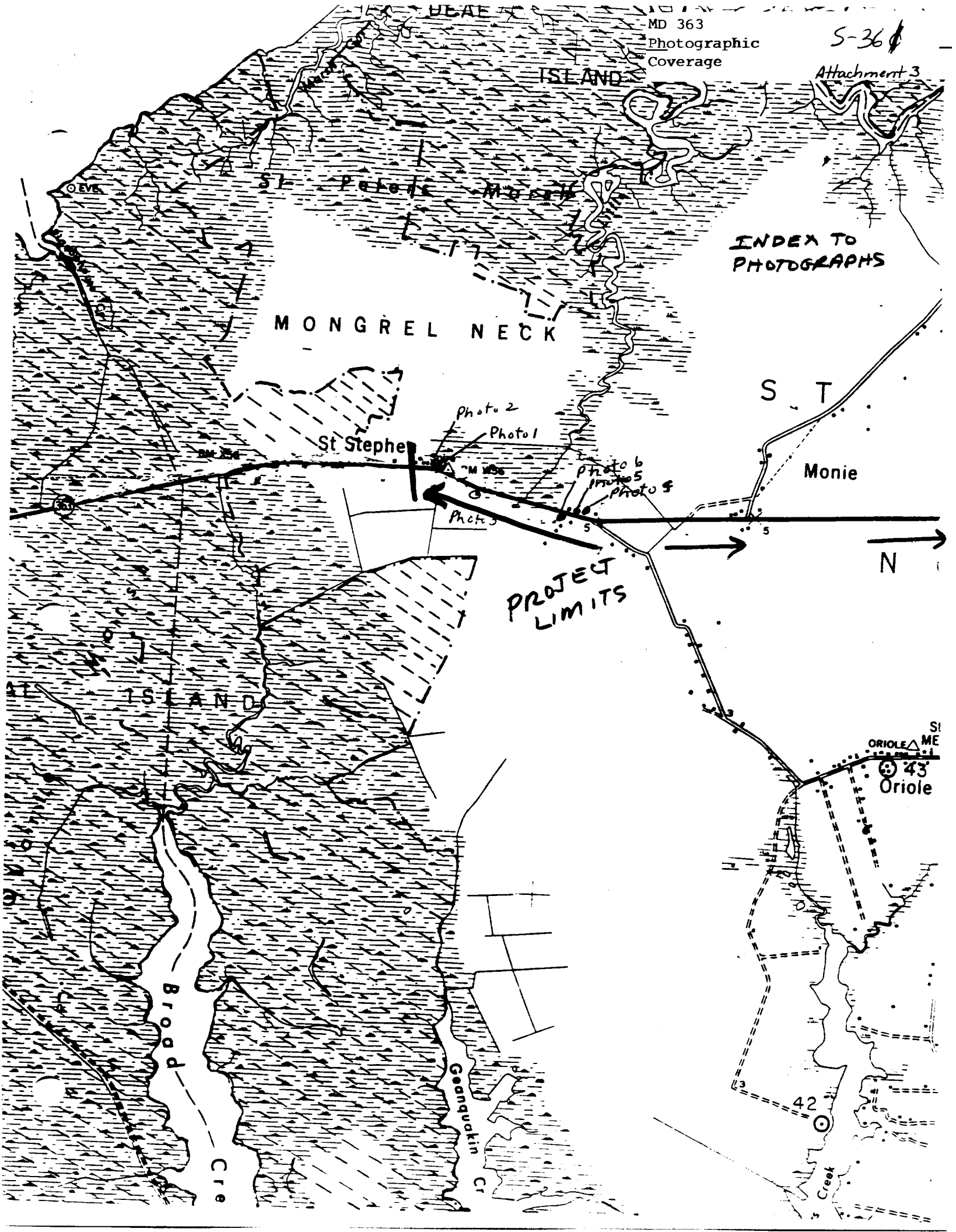
Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

Significance

The roadside village of St. Stephens is a late nineteenth-century watermen's community located between Oriole and Dames Quarter on Maryland Route 363 (Deal Island Road). Centrally located in the village is the St. Stephens Methodist Church, the best preserved of the late nineteenth century structures. The neighboring houses have received varying degrees of renovation, but several houses retain period features such as original siding, decorative porches and eave trim. Due to the low lying, poorly drained nature of the adjacent terrain, most village residents worked on the waters of Monie Bay and Tangier Sound. The Dames Quarter marsh is located immediately west of the village.

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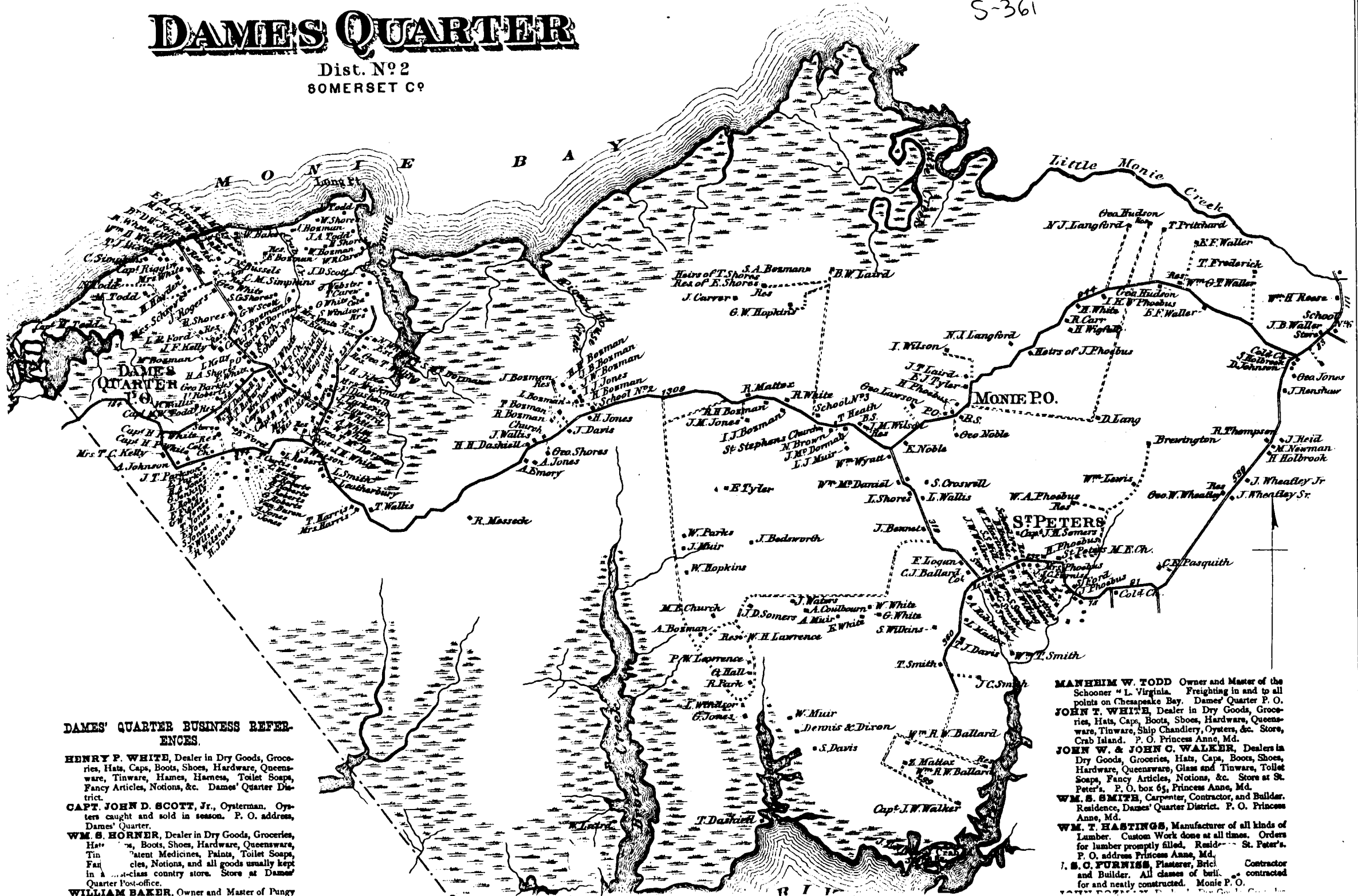
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DAMES' QUARTER

Dist. N^o 2
SOMERSET CO

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DAMES' QUARTER BUSINESS REFERENCES.

HENRY P. WHITE, Dealer in Dry Goods, Groceries, Hats, Caps, Boots, Shoes, Hardware, Queensware, Tinware, Hames, Harness, Toilet Soaps, Fancy Articles, Notions, &c. Dames' Quarter District.

CAPT. JOHN D. SCOTT, Jr., Oysterman. Oysters caught and sold in season. P. O. address, Dames' Quarter.

WM. S. HORNER, Dealer in Dry Goods, Groceries, Hats, Caps, Boots, Shoes, Hardware, Queensware, Tinware, Patent Medicines, Paints, Toilet Soaps, Fancy Articles, Notions, and all goods usually kept in a first-class country store. Store at Dames' Quarter Post-office.

WILLIAM BAKER, Owner and Master of Pungy

MANHEIM W. TODD Owner and Master of the Schooner "L. Virginia." Freighting in and to all points on Chesapeake Bay. Dames' Quarter P. O.

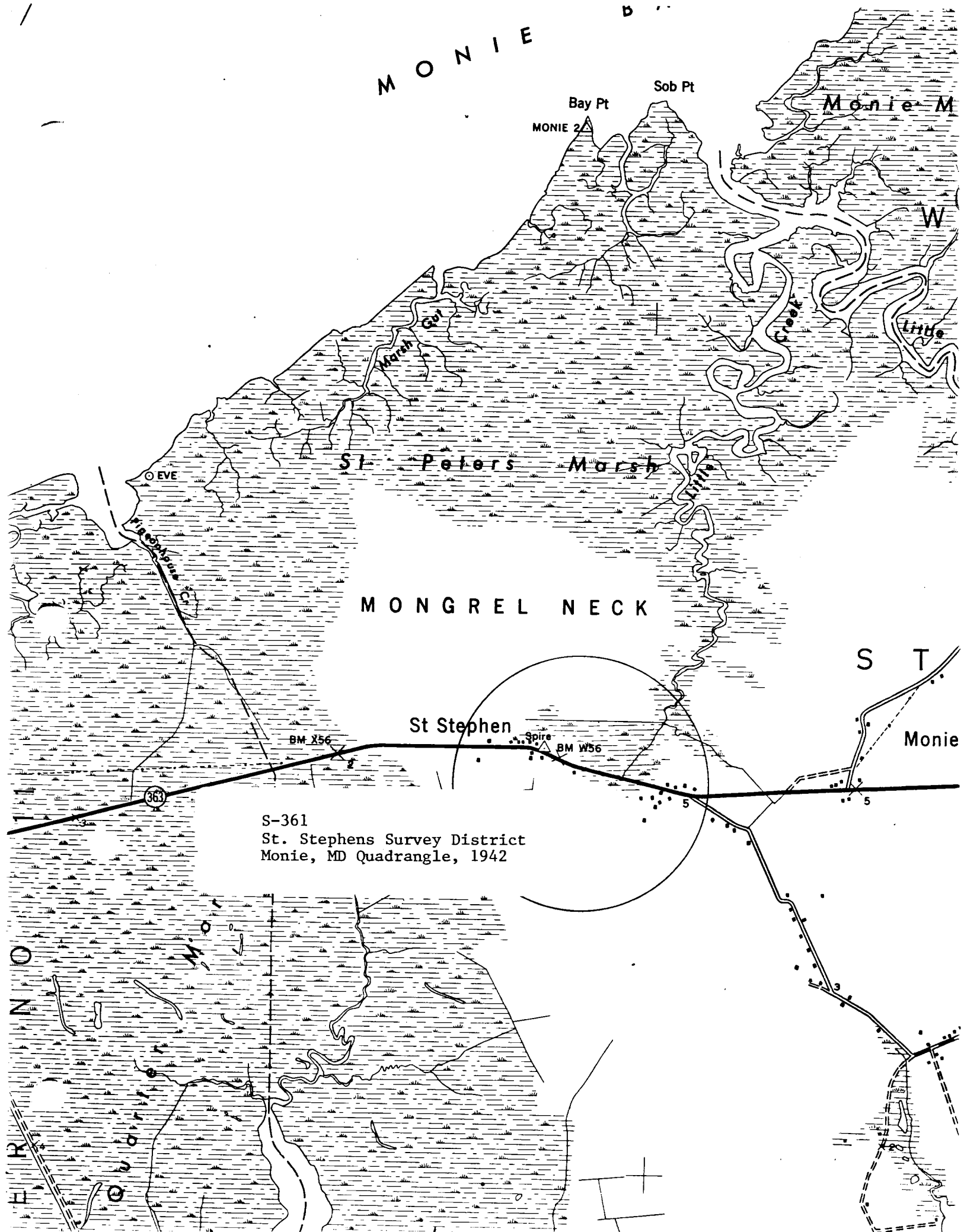
JOHN T. WHITE, Dealer in Dry Goods, Groceries, Hats, Caps, Boots, Shoes, Hardware, Queensware, Tinware, Ship Chandelery, Oysters, &c. Store, Crab Island. P. O. Princess Anne, Md.

JOHN W. & JOHN C. WALKER, Dealers in Dry Goods, Groceries, Hats, Caps, Boots, Shoes, Hardware, Queensware, Glass and Tinware, Toilet Soaps, Fancy Articles, Notions, &c. Store at St. Peter's. P. O. box 65, Princess Anne, Md.

WM. S. SMITH, Carpenter, Contractor, and Builder. Residence, Dames' Quarter District. P. O. Princess Anne, Md.

WM. T. HASTINGS, Manufacturer of all kinds of Lumber. Custom Work done at all times. Orders for lumber promptly filled. Residence, St. Peter's. P. O. address Princess Anne, Md.

J. S. C. FURNISS, Plasterer, Brick Contractor and Builder. All classes of brick contracted for and neatly constructed. Montic P. O.



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Streetscape, Southside MD 363
St. Stephen's Survey District
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St. Stephens Church

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Typical Dwelling, St. Stephens
26353 MD 363, Northside

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Typical Dwelling, St. Stephens
26594 MD 363, Southside

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Typical Dwelling, St. Stephens
26530 MD 363, Northside

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Whites Market
26519 MD 363

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St. Stephens, Somerset Co. Md.
East Elevation
6/86, Paul Touart, Photographer
Neg/Md. Historical Trust



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